

For Immediate Release

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Carthage, NC. Moore County received notice on Wednesday, February 9th that it was awarded \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Economic Recovery Program funding by the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance. The award followed the submission of an application for funding under this grant program by Moore County in September 2010. Moore County advertised the application in The Pilot and its community development division provided application information to its mailing list and to service agencies countywide. 187 Moore County homeowners completed an application for assistance.

The application identified 8 primary homes and 3 alternate homes to be served under this grant. Those selected to receive assistance live in communities throughout Moore County including West End, Aberdeen, Carthage, Taylortown and Southern Pines. Those receiving assistance were identified by the county's informal housing selection committee which is comprised of representatives from nonprofits (Coalition for Human Care, Northern Moore Family Resource Center), government (Aberdeen, Carthage, Cameron), county service agencies (Dept of Aging, Dept of Social Services), former grant recipients and the home repair office of Habitat for Humanity.

Those interested in receiving news about upcoming grant opportunities for the rehab of homes owned by qualifying low-income families should contact the Moore County Department of Planning & Community Development (947-5010) and ask to be placed on the community development mailing list.